

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Lloyd G. Ratchford

Serial No.: 10/720,676

Filed: November 25, 2003

For: Slotted Contact Retention And  
Alignment Device For Contact  
Assemblies



Examiner: Not yet assigned

Group Art Unit: 2833

Atty. Dkt. No. 111418-00420

Confirmation No.: 6269

**PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER  
37 C.F.R. 1.102(d) BASED ON ACTUAL INFRINGEMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.102(d), Applicant requests that the above-identified application be made special based on actual infringement in the United States. Specifically, (1) there is an infringing device or product actually on the market; (2) a rigid comparison of the alleged infringing device with the claims of the application has been made, and some of the claims are unquestionably infringed; and (3) a careful and thorough search of the prior art has been made.

Attached are copies of each of the references deemed most closely related to the subject matter encompassed by the claimed invention and the \$130.00 Petition Fee.

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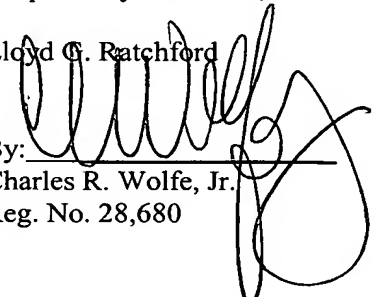
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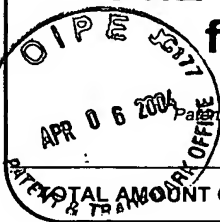
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# FEE TRANSMITTAL for FY 2004



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TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$) 130

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- ☒ Charge Any Additional Fee Required  
Under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17  
☐ Applicant claims small entity status.  
See 37 CFR 1.27

2. ☒ Payment Enclosed:

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## FEE CALCULATION

### 1. BASIC FILING FEE

Large Fee Code	Entity Fee (\$)	Small Fee Code	Entity Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
101	770	201	385	Utility filing fee	
106	340	206	170	Design filing fee	
107	530	207	265	Plant filing fee	
108	770	208	385	Reissue filing fee	
114	160	214	80	Provisional filing fee	

SUBTOTAL (1)

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### 2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

Total Claims	Independent Claims	Multiple Dependent	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
			-20** = 0	X \$18 =	\$0
			-3** = 0	X \$86 =	\$0
					\$290

Large Fee Code	Entity Fee (\$)	Small Fee Code	Entity Fee (\$)	Fee Description
103	18	203	9	Claims in excess of 20
102	86	202	42	Independent claims in excess of 3
104	290	204	140	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
109	86	209	42	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
110	18	210	9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

SUBTOTAL (2)

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\*\*or number previously paid, if greater; For Reissues, see above

### 3. ADDITIONAL FEES

Fee Code	Large Entity Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
105	130	205	65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
127	50	227	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet.	
139	130	139	130	Non-English specification	
147	2,520	147	2,520	For filing a request for reexamination	
112	920*	112	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
113	1,840*	113	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
115	110	215	55	Extension for reply within first month	
116	420	216	210	Extension for reply within second month	
117	950	217	475	Extension for reply within third month	
118	1,480	218	740	Extension for reply within fourth month	
128	2,010	228	1,005	Extension for reply within fifth month	
119	330	219	165	Notice of Appeal	
120	330	220	165	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
121	280	221	145	Request for oral hearing	
138	1,510	138	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
140	110	240	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
141	1,330	241	665	Petition to revive - unintentional	
142	1,330	242	665	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
143	480	243	240	Design issue fee	
144	640	244	320	Plant issue fee	
122	130	122	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	130
123	50	123	50	Processing fee for provisional applications	
126	180	126	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
581	40	581	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
146	770	246	385	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))	
149	770	249	385	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))	
179	770	279	385	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
169	900	169	900	Request for expedited examination of a design application	

Other fee (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

\*Reduced by Basic Filing Fee Paid

SUBTOTAL (3)

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